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Hurricane Harvey. Hurricane Harvey made landfall on August 26, 2017 as a Category 4 across Aransas County, Texas. The hurricane had wind gusts as high as 132 mph creating significant damage between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor, Texas. The deadly hurricane has since created massive flooding to Houston, Texas and the surrounding metropolitan area. EPA has deployed 10 personnel to assist the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) with their Drinking water and Waste Water Phone Bank located in Austin, Texas. An Incident Management Team has been deployed from Dallas to Corpus Christi, Texas to rendezvous with TCEQ and the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) as well as the US Coast Guard personnel and formed a unified command. EPA has deployed its aerial assessment aircraft to assess the conditions at the Arkema facility in Crosby. The equipment on the aerial assessment aircraft will be able to detect chemical leaks, thermally image the facility and obtain aerial photos of current site conditions. Two National Priorities List (NPL) Superfund sites will be inspected to assess impacts from the hurricane. The two sites are the Falcon Refinery Site and the Brine Service site both located in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reported the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear power facility, located in Bay City, Texas continues to operate at full power as of 7:20 AM EDT, August 28, per the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Power Reactor Status Report. Their storm team of 175 continue to manage safe operations. Administrator Scott Pruitt will visit Corpus Christi today and the State Operations Center in Austin tomorrow. **Susan Webster 214-665-6784**

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